Reclamation Year 2000 Activity

I. **Need & Purpose**

  A.   The reality of the Year 2000 (Y2K) impacts are **not** secret. They are inflexible, real, and must be resolved.

  B.   All businesses and government agencies are affected. Reclamation is not an exception. Despite efforts to migrate to client-server platforms, and the impact of our recent downsizing, there remains computer applications, operating systems, hardware systems, firmware, and automated controllers which are not Year 2000 compliant.

  C.   All non year 2000 compliant systems will fail by the year 2000. Some will fail before, some will fail during 1999. Some programs have already failed: such as those calculating interest beyond 3½ years away. An incident has already occurred where a procurement for consumable material to last five years calculated against a "00" year date, and ordered enough material for a hundred years, rather than five. *(Source: David Cavalier)*

II. **Strategy & Direction**

  A.   Y2K Reclamation-wide Team

    1.   Comprise of members from the a cross-section of Reclamation offices. (Maximum of seven members, minimum of four)

      a.   Including RSC, Regional, Area, and Project offices.
      b.   Include at least one Dams/Canals Operations specialist, to review electronic controllers.
      c.   Include Communications specialist
      d.   Include Y2K Coordinator and various IRM and functional members.

  B.   Team to develop Strategy Paper, guidance, assistance and act as a resource to all Y2K conversion efforts.

  C.   Team to monitor progress including inventories, costs, effectiveness, contracting, etc.

  D.   Y2K coordinator and team must have Reclamation authority/authorization to implement Y2K conversion strategies.